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SUBJECT: H DAILY REPORT - JANUARY 20

FOR AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY FROM JENKINS

1. ANGOLA. IF PRELIMINARY TALKS WITH RETURNING CONGRESS-
MEN ARE ANY INDICATION, PUBLIC REACTION TO ANGOLA IS MARKED
BY SURPRISING DISINTEREST. REPS. HUNGATE, BINGHAM, AND
HAMILTON REPORTED THAT NONE OF THEIR CONSTITUTENTS EVEN
RAISED THE SUBJECT. CONABLE AND BUCHANAN SAID THAT, OF
THOSE THAT DID RAISE THE SUBJECT, THE REACTION WAS A FEAR
THAT IT COULD BECOME A NEW VIETNAM. IN A CONVERSATION WITH
BILL SCHAUFEELE, CONGRESSMAN SYMINGTON PROPOSED THAT WE
COUNTER SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION WITH A HEIGHTENED PROPAGANDA
CAMPAIGN STRESSING OUR PROPOSALS FOR PEACE AND RE-
CONSTRUCTION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT REACTIONS FROM
RETURNING MEMBERS.

BILL SCHAUFEELE WILL APPEAR BEFORE THE DEMOCRATIC STUDY
GROUP (APPROXIMATELY 35 MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED) FOR AN OFF-
THE-RECORD BRIEFING TOMORROW.

MEANWHILE, DANTE FASCELL TOLD ME THIS AFTERNOON THAT HE
IS NOW CONTENT TO AWAIT YOUR RETURN AND WILL CONSIDER IN-
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VITING BILL AS AN INTERIM WITNESS IF YOUR APPEARANCE (THE REQUEST FOR WHICH HE SAID HE HAD STIMULATED) IS "TOO LATE FOR HIS PURPOSES".

2. SECURITY ASSISTANCE. JOE SISCO DEBRIEFED DOC MORGAN AND THE OTHER HIRC MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY VISITED THE MIDDLE EAST, GREECE AND TURKEY. JOE WAS ABLE TO MAKE POINTS REGARDING OUR POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST PACKAGE AND OUR NEEDS IN GREECE AND TURKEY, AND ALSO GAVE THEM A FRANK ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN LEBANON. MORGAN AND COLLEAGUES SAID THEY WANTED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH US IN ORDER TO GET OUT SOME ACCEPTABLE LEGISLATION. THE HIRC MARKUP WILL RESUME NEXT WEEK. MEANWHILE, THEY ARE WATCHING VERY CLOSELY THE PROGRESS WE MAKE WITH THE HUMPHREY SUBCOMMITTEE STAFFERS IN THE SENATE.

WE ALSO CONTINUED NEGOTIATION WITH SFRC STAFF TODAY, CONCENTRATING ON FUNDING LEVELS. A GOOD TONE PREVAILED AND THEY ARE PRESENTING TO HUMPHREY AND CASE OUR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S CUTS. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSIONS TOMORROW.

3. PASTORE APPEARANCE. PASTORE HAS CONFIRMED YOUR APPEARANCE BEFORE HIS JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY TO DISCUSS THE NUCLEAR FUEL ASSISTANCE ACT ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5 AT 10:00 A.M.

4. PIKE COMMITTEE REPORT - LEAKS. BOTH THE POST AND THE TIMES FRONTPAGED STORIES ATTRIBUTED TO THE FINAL DRAFT OF PIKE REPORT. THE TIMES CLAIMS TO HAVE "PORTIONS" OF THE REPORT IN ITS POSSESSION. THE STORIES REVOLVED AROUND ALLEGATIONS THAT WE HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CYPRUS COUP, THAT WE KNEW WHO KILLED AMBASSADOR DAVIES, AND THAT THE CIA "SYSTEMATICALLY UNDERVALUED AID TO ANGOLA". THE STORIES ALSO SAID THAT THE REPORT IS CRITICAL OF CIA COVERT ACTIONS IN ANGOLA AND ITALY, OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE KURDISH REVOLT, AND YOUR ROLE IN "MANAGEMENT" OF INFORMATION OF INFORMATION ON STRATEGIC ARMS. THE REPORT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE TOMORROW IN A CLOSED SESSION. WE CAN SAFELY ASSUME, BASED ON WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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PORTIONS OF THE REPORT ALREADY LEAKED, THAT THERE WILL BE MORE STORIES BOTH ON THE REPORT AND ON MEMBER REACTIONS.

5. 200 MILE BILL. DEBATE CONTINUED IN THE SENATE TODAY. VOTING ON SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS MAY BEGIN ON THURSDAY AND FINAL PASSAGE COULD OCCUR THAT SAME DAY. SUPPORTERS IN THE SENATE WERE PESSIMISTIC, WARNING US THAT WE HAVE FEW FRIENDS ON THIS ONE.

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6. THE MARIANAS. BY A 7 TO 4 VOTE, THE SFRC TODAY APPROVED THE MARIANAS COVENANT LEGISLATION. THE HOUSE HAD EARLIER APPROVED THE LEGISLATION AS HAD THE SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEE. THE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE, ON THE OTHER HAND, VOTED TODAY TO DELAY ADOPTION. SINCE A JOINT ARMED SERVICES/SFRC REPORT IS DUE ON THE 27TH, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE FULL ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL HAVE TO TACKLE THE QUESTION.

7. SOARES VISIT - CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS. PORTUGAL SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER SOARES WILL HAVE A SERIES OF MEETINGS ON THE HILL DURING HIS VISIT HERE NEXT WEEK. CONFIRMED SO FAR INCLUDE LUNCH WITH THE SFRC, A PRIVATE MEETING WITH SENATOR HUMPHREY, AND BREAKFAST WITH THE HIRC.

8. RABIN VISIT. MEETINGS WITH THE SENATE AND HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN SET UP FOR JANUARY 29.
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